

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A license management method of performing management of license managing licenses used in a contents distribution service having in which contract of one a channel is made so that for distributing a plurality of available contents plural contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the license management method comprising:

offering transmitting, to an information processing apparatus that is capable of receiving content which accepts an offer of contents, a first license having a which prescribes utilization condition applied in common for [[of]] the plurality of available content entirety of plural contents distributed via the one channel, the first license further including first key information and an electronic signature; and

offering transmitting, to the information processing apparatus, along with a content from among the plurality of available contents, a second license which prescribes, in a manner different from transmitting the first license, the second license having a utilization condition every contents for the transmitted content, and the second license further including identification information of a first license corresponding to the second license, second key information, and an electronic signature,

whereby wherein, in the case where when the utilization condition prescribed by of the first license and the utilization condition of prescribed by the second license are

both satisfied, the transmitted content is contents which have been offered along with the second license are permitted to be utilized at the information processing apparatus.

2. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus adapted for processing contents content provided by a contents distribution service having in which contract of one a channel is made so that plural contents for distributing a plurality of available contents distributed via the one channel are is permitted to be utilized, the information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring a first license having a which prescribes utilization condition applied in common for [[of]] the entirety of plural contents plurality of available contents distributed via the one channel, the first license further including first key information and an electronic signature;

second acquisition means for acquiring, along with a content from among the plurality of contents contents, a second license which that is provided in a manner different from the first license and has a prescribes utilization condition every contents for the acquired content, and the second license further including identification information of a first license corresponding to the second license, second key information, and an electronic signature; and

control means for controlling output of the acquired content when contents which have been provided along with the second license in the case where the utilization condition of prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition of prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.

3. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein the first acquisition means ~~serves to acquire~~ acquires the first license ~~provided in the state~~ encrypted by a public-key corresponding to a secret-key to be prepared.

4. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein the second key included in the second license is encrypted, and the control means decrypts decodes, by using the first key information provided along with the first license, encrypted second key information ~~provided in the state encrypted along with the second license and uses the second key information to decode decrypt the acquired content encryption implemented to the contents by the second key information thus decoded.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

license management means for allowing any other information processing apparatus to permit utilization of the ~~contents~~ acquired content which have been provided along with the second license within the scope where when the utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license are both satisfied.

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2,

wherein ~~in the case where plural contents are~~ when a plurality of contents are distributed via the [[one]] channel successively in terms of time, the second acquisition means serves to acquire, during distribution of [[the]] a first contents content, the second license which prescribes a utilization condition of a second contents content distributed subsequently to the first contents content, and the control means controls output of the second contents content so that the second contents are ~~outputted content~~ is output subsequently to the first contents ~~in the case where content when the~~ utilization condition prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition prescribed by the second license, which prescribes the utilization condition of the second contents, which content that has been acquired by the second acquisition means, are both satisfied.

7. (Currently Amended) An ~~information processing~~ method of processing contents content provided by a contents distribution service ~~having in which contract of one a channel is made so that plural contents for distributing a plurality of available contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,~~ the ~~information processing~~ method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first license having a which prescribes utilization condition applied in common for [[of]] the entirety of plural contents plurality of available contents via the one channel, the first license further including first key information and an electronic signature;

a second acquisition step of acquiring, along with contents a content from among the plurality of available contents, a second license which that is provided in a manner different from the first license and has a prescribes utilization condition every contents for the acquired content, and the second license further including identification information of a first license corresponding to the second license, second key information, and an electronic signature; and

a control step an output step of controlling output of playing the contents provided along with the second license in the case where acquired content to a user when the utilization condition of prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition of prescribed by the second license are [[both]] satisfied.

8. (Currently Amended) A program for allowing computer-readable medium containing instructions that are executable by a computer to execute processing of contents process content provided by a contents distribution services service having in which contract of one a channel is made so that plural contents for distributing a plurality of available contents distributed via the one channel are permitted to be utilized,

the program method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring a first license having a which prescribes utilization condition applied in common for [[of]] the entirety of plural contents plurality of available contents distributed via the one channel, the first license further including first key information and an electronic signature;

~~a second acquisition step of acquiring, along with contents a content from among the plurality of available contents, a second license which that is provided in a manner different from the first license and has a prescribes utilization condition every the contents for the acquired content, and the second license further including identification information of a first license corresponding to the second license, second key information, and an electronic signature; and~~

~~a control step of controlling output of the acquired content when contents which have been provided along with the second license in the case where the utilization condition of prescribed by the first license and the utilization condition of prescribed by the second license are [[both]] satisfied.~~

9. (New) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein, when a plurality of contents is distributed via the channel successively in terms of time, the second acquisition means acquires, during distribution of a first content, a second license which has a utilization condition of a second content, the second content to be distributed subsequent to the distribution of the first content; and the control means judges whether or not the utilization condition of the first license and the utilization condition of the second license of the second content are satisfied during the distribution of the first content, and outputs the second content subsequently to the first content when the utilization condition of the first license and the utilization condition of the second license of the second content are judged to be satisfied.